1186. [*Transferred to the 17th August, 1986*].

Setting up of Joint Sector Units by large industrial houses

1187. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether joint sector form of industrial promotion is gaining popularity;

(b) if so, what is the State-wise, year-wise and product-wise distribution of joint sector units for the last three years;

(c) whether it is a fact that large industrial houses are also taking advantage of this form and expanding their economy power; and

(d) whether in view of the fact that large industrial houses/companies have the requisite financial strength and good image by which they can attract necessary funds from capital market and from within, Government propose to bar them from entering joint sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The number of letters of intent granted to State Industrial Development Corporation since 1983 has been as follows:—

Year	No. of letters of intent
1983	148
1984	117
1985	118
1986 (up to May)	64

Details regarding location, item of manufacture, capacity etc. of all letters of intent and industrial licences are being published regularly by the Indian Investment Centre in their monthly Newsletter copies of which are being sent to the Parliament Library regularly.

(c) and (d) The quantum of association of private capital in projects promoted by State Industrial Development Corporations has been prescribed in such a manner that the power of control and guidance of the affairs of the undertaking remains effectively with the State Industrial Development Corporations. Association of MRTP|FERA Companies is ordinarily confined to industries included in Appendix-I industries which are open to MRTP|FERA houses.

Concessions to small scale industries

1188. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had issued a press note in March, 1985 stating that small industries controlled by medium/large scale units are not really small scale units and they would not be eligible for the special concessions/incentives available under various schemes for the promotion and protection of small scale sectors;

(b) if so, what are the criteria for identifying the units that are controlled by large and medium scale units; and

(c) how many such units have been identified by the State Governments and how many of them have been asked to de-register from the small scale sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The small scale industrial undertakings which are 'subsidiary of' or 'owned' or 'controlled' by any other undertaking are not eligible for the special concessions and incentives.

(c) Registration/de-registration of small scale undertakings is within the purview of State Governments. This information is not maintained by the Government.

Telephone services in Andhra Pradesh

1189. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Telecommunicaions has prepared any plans for

improving and modernising Telephone services in Andhra Pradesh during the current financial year; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details are given in the statement.

Statement

Programme of Improvement and Modernisation in Andhra Pradesh during 1986-87

	Vijayawada Telephone District	Hyderabad Telephone District	A.P. Telecom. Circle
1. Ducting	2·3Kms	6·5 Kms	1·575 Kms
2. Installation Electronic Exchanges	4000 lines	10000 lines	400 lines of Digital Rural Electronic exchange at Armoor. Installation of 600 lines of the above equipment will be started at Kothaguddam. Expansion by 1000 lines Electronic exchange at Kurnool has been planned.
3. Replacement Conversion	300 lines (Conversion MAX III to MAX II type)	Nil	200 lines
4. PCM	2 Systems	115 Systems	8 Systems

5. Computerisation
   The Work on computerisation of Automatic Trunk Ticketing is completed in one Exchange and is expected to be completed in another exchange in Hyderabad Telephone District during 1986-87.

   The Work relating to computerisation of Trunk billing is under process.

6. 1000 lines of SXS telex is being replaced by 2000 line SPC Telex at Hyderabad.

7. Public Utility Co-ordination Boards have been set up for Co-ordinating the work of different agencies to prevent damage to the cables.

8. "Mission-Better Communication" a programme for overall improvement in Telecom. services has been launched with effect from 1-4-86.

Relief to Telephone Users

1190. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1779 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 12th August, 1985 and state:

(a) the number of telephone users, statewise, to whom the relief has been given till 30th June, 1986 with respect to the period when their telephones continued to remain dead; and

(b) the amount of money refunded to the telephone users, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS